



## John Preston Crowder III

May 29, 1955 - April 21, 2023

John Preston Crowder III, of Deltaville, VA formerly of Mechanicsville, VA passed away April 21, 2023. He was a 1973 graduate of Lee Davis High School and worked as a pharmacist for forty years. John and his wife were the owners and operators of West Point Pharmacy in West Point, VA. He was a member of West Point Ruritans as well as the West Point Chamber of Commerce. In his spare-time, John greatly enjoyed fishing and boating on the Rappahannock River and Chesapeake Bay.

John was preceded in death by his parents John and Dorothy Crowder.

He is survived by his wife of 42 years, Mary Crowder; a daughter Fran Warren (Matt) and a son John Preston Crowder IV (Heather); two brothers Robert "Bob" Crowder (Donna) and Dr. Richard "Dick" Crowder (Jean); four grandchildren Quin, Elly, Alice and Anne; and his beloved dog "Henry."

The family would like to thank their friends and neighbors for their support over the long battle John had with his illness.

A graveside service will be held 11 a.m., Tuesday, April 25th at New Kent Chapel, 13100 Cooks Mill Road, New Kent, VA 23124. The family will be available for friends and family immediately following the service. A light lunch will be provided on the grounds.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Sharon Critters Action Team, [www.scatinc.org](http://www.scatinc.org).

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

APR **25**. 11:00 AM (ET)

New Kent Chapel  
13100 Cooks Mill Road  
New Kent, VA 23089

# Tribute Wall

CF

“ It hurt my heart to hear of John's passing today he was a wonderful kind person with an amazing crazy sense of humor. I first worked with John in Williamsburg at Peoples drug store and then work side by side with him in the pharmacy at Rite Aid in West Point. Sending hugs and prayers to Mary his kids and his grandchildren. Godspeed John you will be missed.

Cindy Fitchett - May 24, 2023 at 01:18 PM

MB

“ I always enjoyed my friendship with John. He went out of his way to include me in his many fishing trips.

Mike Barton - May 22, 2023 at 07:39 PM

BF

“ John was a fine gentleman, friend, and wonderful pharmacist. We have missed him ever since the pharmacy closed. We send our thoughts and prayers to Mary, Fran, and all the family. Bob and Ruth Fraser

Bob and Ruth Fraser - April 27, 2023 at 11:13 AM

GF

“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family.

Gina and Carol



Gina Fetterolf - April 26, 2023 at 02:01 PM

SC

“ John is my first cousin. His father and my father, Broadus, are brothers. Although I, unfortunately, did not have much interaction with John, I have a high regard for him. From my interactions, he had a nice, calming demeanor. My thoughts and prayers go out to all of his family who are grieving his passing. I hope they can find peace and that the service tomorrow will be a great tribute to his life and the goodness he radiated.

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**Sterling Crowder** - April 24, 2023 at 11:40 PM

AW

“ Avril & Gerald Williams sent a virtual gift in memory of John Preston Crowder III



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**Avril & Gerald Williams** - April 24, 2023 at 12:11 AM

MB

Michael & Elizabeth Barton, we always enjoyed our friendship with John. He will be missed but made a difference in this world to everyone who knew him. We will keep him in our prayers.

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**Michael Barton** - April 24, 2023 at 08:54 AM

CA

“ About 10 years ago, when my wife and I were in Hawaii to see our new twin grandsons, I ran out of my medicine. I called John and he had the medicine shipped to me, arriving in just two days. He was a dedicated pharmacist and a very kind man. He will be missed. -  
Camb and Wilma

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**Camb and Wilma Ashley** - April 23, 2023 at 07:14 PM

TC

“ John is one of my first cousins. His dad and my dad (Broadus) were brothers. I did not have many opportunities to be around John, but I do remember and cherish getting to talk with him at my dad's funeral. John was a very kind and loving man. My youngest son Luke's middle name is "Preston" as well to carry on that great family name. It's great to read all of the other tribute's on this page. It's obvious he blessed many people's lives. Our prayers go out to his family.

Tyler Crowder - April 23, 2023 at 03:37 PM

KG

“ What a wonderful person! Our community has suffered a great loss. I loved going into the pharmacy because he always had a smile on his face & time to answer questions & chat. I know he's in a much better place...but that doesn't mean we won't miss him! Condolences to his family. RIP, my friend!



Kathy Glass - April 23, 2023 at 10:09 AM

DC

“ Donna Croswell And R.T. Croswell lit a candle in memory of John Preston Crowder III



Donna Croswell and R.T. Croswell - April 23, 2023 at 07:10 AM

DM

“ *Debbie Marshall lit a candle in memory of John Preston Crowder III*



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**Debbie Marshall** - April 23, 2023 at 12:39 AM

DM

*I'm very sorry to hear about John's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with Mary and his family. May he rest in peace. God bless 🙏*

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**Debbie Marshall** - April 23, 2023 at 12:41 AM

JD

“ *John was a a caring, knowledgeable, and well respected man. Our thoughts and prayers are with the entire family. Sincerely, Lee and John Davis*

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**John Davis** - April 22, 2023 at 06:39 PM

RC

“ *Roxanna B Clore lit a candle in memory of John Preston Crowder III*



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**Roxanna B Clore** - April 22, 2023 at 05:57 PM

RS

“ Rosie Sydnor lit a candle in memory of John Preston Crowder III



Rosie Sydnor - April 22, 2023 at 03:06 PM

RS

“ I worked with John many years ago at Rite Aid. He was a very nice man and enjoyed working with him. I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with your family.

Rosie Sydnor - April 22, 2023 at 03:05 PM

JC

“ So sorry for your loss. May your memories of John help you thru the days ahead .

Jeanette Calhoun - April 22, 2023 at 11:42 AM

JS

“ Sending heartfelt hugs and prayers to John’s family at this time of great loss of an incredible man. Such a caring and kind individual and I have truly missed him since he closed his pharmacy. Love to Mary and the family. God bless. 💔

Jeanie Sturtz - April 22, 2023 at 11:32 AM

JL

“ RIP TO A GOOD MAN WITH A HUGE HEART ❤️

Jackie Lee - April 22, 2023 at 11:21 AM

VA

“ We send prayers up for all of the family. So many fond memories of him and his help at the pharmacy. God bless.

Virginia&Will Addison - April 22, 2023 at 11:19 AM

BE

“ Mr. Crowder was indeed a fine gentleman who showed his compassion and caring to so many people not only in his professional life but in his personal life as well. Although, way to soon, "HEAVEN" has gained yet another "Angel". Thank you Mr. Crowder for being a blessing to all who knew you. We pray God's blessings and comfort be with the family.  
Jim and Beverly Ross.



Bev&Jim - April 22, 2023 at 10:30 AM

FS

“ Faith Silva lit a candle in memory of John Preston Crowder III



Faith Silva - April 22, 2023 at 09:39 AM

DH

“ David N Ann Hall lit a candle in memory of John Preston Crowder III



David n Ann Hall - April 22, 2023 at 09:32 AM

MB

“ John will be greatly missed. He was an asset to his community and a friend to all. His sense of humor, smile, and giving personality was seen every time I entered West Point Pharmacy. My condolences to Fran, Mary, and the rest of his family. Heaven has gained another angel. Rest in peace, dear man.

Muff Barbour - April 21, 2023 at 09:47 PM

SH

John was a great man, father and husband. He was an amazing Pharmacist for this town and community. John gave his all to this wonderful community and helped many along the way. He has been missed since WP Pharmacy closed and will be missed now. Rest in Peace John.

Sheree Edmonds Hilton - April 24, 2023 at 05:41 PM

RE

“ John will be missed here at West Point Family Barbershop, I cut his hair for 8 years and Bill before me. John was always a nice man. Heaven gained another angel.

RebeccaCarter - April 21, 2023 at 08:16 PM

WW

John was a outstanding man all row a great guy was willing to help anyone who needed help whether at drug store or town business my God bless the family Billy & Grace Wills

william wills - April 22, 2023 at 01:36 PM

KC

“ I only knew John from his pharmacy and he always had a smile on his face and was willing to take time to answer any questions anyone had. He compassion showed in his willingness to help others..My deepest condolences to his family.

Kim Carlton - April 21, 2023 at 07:42 PM

BA

“ *Brenda Anerton lit a candle in memory of John Preston Crowder III*



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**Brenda Anerton** - April 21, 2023 at 07:36 PM

TB

“ *Fond memories of working for John at Drug Fair back in the 80's. Rest easy my friend.*

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**Tres Barrineau** - April 21, 2023 at 07:20 PM

DN

“ *my ole Buddy John .. there are so many many memories I will keep close to my heart in remembrance of you and your journey through this world and it seems somewhat un-fair to be saying goodbye but The Lord knew that it was due time to bring you on home. You taught me the ropes to oystering and I was not fond of it but it was a blast watching you do " YOUR THING " in sorting them into different cages as they grew and finally it was harvest time. Life is somewhat similar to oystering as everything that grows ... everything will be harvested. You .. my dear friend and partner in crime have been harvested by The Lord to receive your many rewards for being a good servant and a man of God for sharing your love and kindness to oh so many people in their time of need. John Preston Crowder it was a dear honor to call you my friend so please let your many good traits spread throughout this world showing love, kindness, and support to anyone who is in need as you yourself have done R.I.P. My Brother !*

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**Dennis Norman** - April 21, 2023 at 06:50 PM

RR

*Beautifully said*

Robin Rigney - April 21, 2023 at 07:11 PM

JP

“ *He was always willing to help you. We send our love and prayers to his family.*

Judy and Glenn Palmer - April 21, 2023 at 06:50 PM



“ *Margaret Ogg lit a candle in memory of John Preston Crowder III*



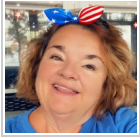
Margaret Ogg - April 21, 2023 at 06:46 PM

RR

“ *I will always remember John as a loving Christian man who helped his community and many people without asking for anything in return. I will forever be grateful for all he did for for my daughter Tiffany...he is the reason she had the great opportunity to become a pharmacist...he supported her in many ways. He was a mentor to her and provided monetary means for her to go to pharmacy school...he also generously helped some of my other family members with funeral expenses...such a generous, caring and compassionate man...we loved West Point pharmacy and felt such a loss when it was gone....but this is the greatest loss...we will truly miss you John...I know you are with God now. You are in a beautiful, peaceful place 💖 and I truly hope to see you again one day...until then may you be filled with God's many blessings ...love you 🙏✝️*



Robin Rigney - April 21, 2023 at 05:57 PM



“ John always made us feel worthy, loved and welcomed. We are so sorry he won't be with us at neighborhood gatherings. The love he nurtured for all of us certainly will be felt. He loved to share his WWII knowledge and artifacts. This is Weis' favorite thing to remember about him especially when he came home for the last time and regaled Quinn and Weis with those stories. I cherish that he shared his love for the river and his oyster harvesting skills with me. I fondly recall accompanying him, Mary, “Little” John and Alice for one last boat ride this past fall. Mary kept winking at me as the rain fell and we realized the trip would be cut short...but not for John. “It is a soft rain”, he told us. And indeed it was. He was always so generous with all his gifts. This is why today is so painful. Mary- we are so heart broken that we can't be there for John's send off. We hold you in prayer that you feel the NEN love and support... today and always. We love you.

*The Frankfurt Weisis*

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**J Pierson Weisi** - April 21, 2023 at 05:42 PM

LB

“ He was a very special to know. Prayers to all of his family and friends.



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**Linda and Wayne Bristow** - April 21, 2023 at 05:10 PM

AW

“ *A great person to work for, John will be greatly missed!*



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**Abbi Williams** - April 21, 2023 at 04:36 PM

DD

“ *Debbie Dzula lit a candle in memory of John Preston Crowder III*



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**debbie dzula** - April 21, 2023 at 04:35 PM

RR

*A truly gentle soul ! John lived by example ! A loving father and husband to his Dear Mary, he demonstrated what a true gentleman can be ! ❤️*

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**Rita Root** - April 22, 2023 at 09:46 AM